

Those agreeable rattlesnakes, the Senators, refused to ratify the peace treaty and returned it to the President with the word that they could not consent to it. That it was not what they wanted. The President knows now what it is to be between the devil and the deep sea—between the Senate on one side and the Chancelleries of Europe on the other.

It took the United States 536 days to fight the war and win it. After the war was over then it took the statesman 493 days to decide that the peace treaty was not framed right. It is certain that the time spent in drawing up a peace contract will exceed in duration the period of the war.

Hitchcock dared Lodge and Lodge double-dared Hitchcock, and then of course it was a dead-lock. All done thou unprofitable servants, enter into the blackness of darkness forevermore.

On the whole, we are better satisfied with the position of John Sharp Williams than any of them. He took the view that the silly reservations were nothing but cheap and unworthy artifice, and not worth the consideration of grown men. There should have been a speedy vote on the treaty last year.

The reservation that they finally tacked on number 10 either meant that the executive authority should have nothing to do with foreign affairs and that these should be managed by a Congressional committee, or it meant nothing. As the constitution makes foreign affairs one of the duties to be performed by the President, the action of the Senate was mischievous, to say the least, and it was just as well to reject it. Number ten was an agreement by the nations not to engage in wars of conquest, and meant the disarming of the nations. It was intended to promote an era of peace.

So they all fell out over the meaning of the word peace, and Borah was able to play both ends against the middle and won a parliamentary victory, and he stands a first rate chance of being rewarded by receiving the Nobel peace prize, for last year they voted that emblem to the inventor of poisonous gas.

Nobody is very well pleased with the long drawn out negotiations over the details of peace.

We are not exactly like the man that put his hand to the plow and turned back. We are more like the farmer that we knew once that plowed a big field, and then neglected to plant it, and that year he had neither grass nor corn.

It is now the President's move, and he is a pretty good player on the checkerboard of life. He has always been equal to an emergency.

"Suffice it that he never brought His conscience to the public mart; But lived himself the truth he taught, White-souled, clean-handed, pure of heart."

Now that the Senate has treated the peace treaty as a piece of scrapping paper, we have been furnished a line of argument to be used in defence of a gentleman who was never defended before, and that is the Levite, who was passing along a road one day and saw a man lying in the side ditch, badly wounded by some thieves that he had fallen among.

The Levite belonged to the upper crust among the Hebrews. From his tribe came all of the leading men.

They furnished all of the professional men from high priest to horse doctor, and he had been carefully trained to avoid entangling acquaintances. The wisdom that he acquired taught him that the less he had to do with thieves or those who fell among thieves, the better off he would be. So when he saw the man lying there without any clothes on, covered with blood, and mud, and dirt, it did not occur to him that it might be his duty to climb down the bank and see if there was anything that he could do to help the unfortunate creature.

He had studied a few hundred rules but none of them covered a case of this kind. And so he continued on his way to the Synagogue chewing on wisdom that was past and not knowing that the wounded man was in his jurisdiction.

The Levite did not know that he would be the subject of adverse criticism in thousands of Sunday Schools forever, just because he could not tell when the old order passeth.

The good reason that the Levite had in passing on regardless was that just a few moments before a high priest had passed by the same way and left the poor man to the mercy of God.

The third man that came along was a Samaritan, or as we would say under the circumstances, a Mexican, but the man was to make the word Samaritan blessed for all time. For he got off his horse and threw the

bridle reins on the ground and went down over the bank and when he found that the man was not dead, gave him a nip out of his bottle, and brought some water to him in his hat, and got his slicker coat off his saddle, and histed the hurt man up on his horse, and took him to the Hoover House and stood for the bill, and set up with him that night. The next day before he rode away he left two pennies, a considerable sum in those days, and gave it to the land-lord and said to take care of the stranger, and rode away immortal.

And all the ingrowing mind of the Levite could see in it was the 'rightness of the right, and all that he could say was that it was just like a Samaritan, and that a fool and his money were soon parted. Yet the Levite only acted according to his lights. He could not see an opportunity. He took no chances. He was a conservative and he has been universally damned in fifty-seven different languages from the day of the utterance of the healing words of Christ, and will be a horror and offense until the end of time.

The longer that a man practices law, the more he becomes convinced that an able lawyer, and especially an able judge, can support any position that he takes on a controversy with plausible and perfect law. And with political editors it is the same way. But that does not make it right in every instance.

Who would have thought that so much stress would have been laid upon the election of 1916, held before the war, upon the question of woman suffrage in 1920. In 1916, the question was presented in a superficial way, largely by persons sent here to canvass the vote. There was no precedent for it that West Virginians cared to follow. It is true that some western states had tried it out successfully, and an old bachelor came back from Colorado and boasted that he had kissed a justice of the peace. Since that time, many things happened. The eastern states began to grant universal suffrage and the federal amendment was well on its way to adoption. In fact it was certain before West Virginia was called upon to act. And yet they say that there had been a vote on it.

The trouble about it is that some of the politicians are interested in national elections and other politicians specialize on state elections. Still others on county elections. And still others on town elections. And it was just a question of whose ox was gored.

The editors who oppose, though it is a fact accomplished, are writing editorials that sound more like the bloody flag editorials that we can just remember when the colored man was given his first vote.

We have no criticism to make of the harassed southern states who have troubles of their own and who fight for a highly restricted voting class, allowing no man to vote who has not had a grandfather, but a state like West Virginia, where the first principle is an expansive vote, including all classes from bishops to mine mules, is of the class that hands the women the right to vote with hat in hand, under the fashion prevailing since the great war. As a matter of fact, we reckon there is more of that old Virginia big god nonsense in us than we are willing to admit.

What makes us tired of this is so liberal with other people's rights, to-wit, women's rights.

What if the election of 1916 was against it? The mill will never grind with the water that is passed. Add the woman vote to the minority of 1916, and where would you be?

There was a time that woman were not allowed full membership in churches, and yet with all the disrespect that was shown them, the time came when the church would be nothing without them. It became a common saying that men kept their religion in their wives' names. We know a multitude of politicians who would be improved by keeping their politics in their wives' names.

We read with interest the remark of the Ohio County lady who is glad that the time is coming when she will have some say in the government.

We are glad too, and we would remind the popular idols of something that they have each and every one experienced, that it is harder to fool a woman than it is to fool a man, and that they will have present a better article of clap-trap or go away back and sit down.

We are glad to see that Hon. H. Blackhurst, the member from this county, and that both senators from this district, were consistent in their support of the Suffrage measure. It may be inconvenient to live on the top of a mountain but it is a fact that you get a better view from there than in the low lands.

It is easily to be seen that the two senators from this district were absolutely necessary in the vote in the Senate, but it is not generally known that the word has been grapevined through the hills and valleys, that

Blackhurst's vote and influence was just as essential in the House.

The way we got it was that there was a body of votes in the House that belonged to silent, and determined men, and that the steering committee never knew how this considerable vote would fall until Blackhurst had voted on the roll call. Then their nimble minds got trained to count so many votes on that side, and they were troubled or pleased according to their desires.

The Blackhurst vote got to be famous in that way. His name beginning with a B was the first to be called of that devoted band, and always proved to be a true index to the votes of the others. For the same reason that their decision was not known in advance, it will probably never be known how the tiling came about. Of course it is natural for men to adhere in parliamentary bodies, but it is not usual for the members to keep their own counsel so well and defy all efforts to break up the bunch.

We looked at the first roll call and saw that our solid representative had voted as he said he was going to vote when he left home and we never checked him up after that knowing that he stood like a stone-wall when his mind was once made up. Then we were surprised when we noticed in the paper that he had switched his vote, and went down to the river to see if it was still flowing south. We are glad to see the report denied.

And whether for weal or woe, it is nevertheless a fact that the man from Pocahontas had a good deal to do with putting the ballot in the hands of the women.

Last week we got a tip on the Republican nomination for President that we would gamble on if we were a gambling man and had anybody to gamble with. It was Lowden. What makes us back Lowden is the fact that Siemp appeared at the convention at Roanoke, Virginia, and as leader put through a resolution endorsing Lowden for the nomination. This must mean that he thinks that Lowden is the man that should be nominated and it is a cold day when Siemp misses his guess in politics. It is good enough for us anyway.

The West Virginia News says that we twisted his words. No, we looked at the paper again, and find that he did not say that. He says we misrepresented him. But we say that is a distinction without a difference and we claim that to that extent only did we misconstrue him last week. That is the trouble with all us writers. When we set out to impart information, we do not get all the stuff through right. His language was unfortunate. We thought he said that the suffrage was a plague. But he meant the way it was brought about was a plague. He is like the woman lawyer in the Merchant of Venice. He fears that it will be recorded for a precedent and much error rush into the state. He thinks that when a state goes one way in election it ought to stay put. If Wilson carries West Virginia in 1912, then it is wrong to vote against him in 1916. Language is hard to manage anyway. Like the man who wired to his wife: "On my way to New York run off with lady." It turned out that he was unexpectedly called to the city and to make up the ten words wanted to tell his wife that the old horse that brought him to the depot with a summer boarder had run off. It was an unfortunate message and caused some little stir.

We have got a pretty steady country. The vagaries of a Senate cannot even shake it. We are used to big talk. It came home to us the other day very forcibly. We owed a man in London two pounds and we sent him a plain check on a Marlinton bank for the sum of ten dollars. In the old days this would have just taken care of it and allowed 26 cents for exchange. But after the check had been across the ocean and back we got a receipt showing that after paying all charges, expenses, and exchange, that we were credited with two pounds and 15 shillings. How is that for a ten dollar transaction. A shilling is like our quarters. On a ten dollar transaction we got the equivalent of 15 quarters, or \$3.75. When we can make money on English money like this, what would be the returns on a deal in France, Italy or Germany. We are living in a favored country.

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The Great Tree on Boston Common is nominated by J. Collins Warren of Boston, who sends a complete history of the tree which was blown down in a storm at Feb. 15, 1918, the centennial of the year in which the colonists gathered around the tree and started for Lexington to give battle to the British.

"The Green Tree Hotel" at Le Claire, Iowa, is nominated by J. B. Barnes, who as a boy played leap frog beneath the branches of this tree with one Willie Cody, afterward known to fame as "Buffalo Bill."

The historic elm is well known to the Mississippi river because to the river men, reports Mr. Barnes, "it was the waiting place of men-out of a job and looking for a trip. Therefore, they give it the name of "The Green Tree Hotel." It is considered to be 120 years old.

Other nominations for the Hall of Fame include the De Soto Oak at Tampa, Fla., from which De Soto started for the Mississippi and the west; the Octopus Tree in Charles City county, Virginia, nominated by Meade Ferguson as the largest and oldest tree in the state; the two oaks at Marlinton, W. Va., marked in 1751 by Gen. Andrew Lewis and nominated by Andrew Price; the tallest tree in the Balkans at Podgoritz, nominated by the Red Cross, which had headquarters near it during the war.



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L. W. McCoy is hauling lumber for Albert McCoy, near Lobelia.

Mrs. Anderson, of Marlinton, is visiting her son, Emery Anderson, at Spice.

Miss Ella Kershner has returned to Cass after a few week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kershner.

Misses Lizzie Barrett and Pearl McCarty were shopping at F. W. Dean's store this week.

Mrs. A. J. McCoy, is at Hillsboro with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Clark who is sick with influenza.

THORNY CREEK

J. R. Hiner still continues very ill.

Mrs. J. L. Fertig who had the misfortune to cut her arm, is improving nicely.

Mrs. Newton Fertig, who has been in the Hinton Hospital has returned to her home improved in health.

Doe Fertig is working at Frost.

We are not having very good sugar making weather so far.

The farmers are preparing to do their spring plowing.

Grady A. Kidd, of Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, a student of the University, on Saturday night was initiated into the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, one of the strongest organizations among the University students at Morgantown.

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